

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for January 6, 2003.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Board of Equalization - December 16, 2002.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Special Meeting (Cook)
3. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng)
4. Floodplain Task Force Meeting (Seng)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Satellite Conference Registration - Families First & Foremost (F3) - "Mentoring Matters" at the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Office on Friday, February 7, 2003 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Please RSVP to Henry Moss at 441-5678. (See Invitation)
2. The Human Services Federation and the Mary Riepma Ross Media arts Center are co-sponsoring their grand opening film: Bowling For Columbine - The show will open Friday, January 10, 2003, and run through January 23, 2003; showing three films daily: 5:00 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and additional matinees Saturday and Sunday at 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - For tickets contact Kit Boesch - Cost is \$10.00 each. (Council received their copies of this invitation on 1/06/03) (See Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Budget schedule. (Council already received copies of the schedule)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Glenn Friendt (Left prior to vote on minutes), Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner.

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Bob Van Valkenburg, Citizen; Jeff Cole, Urban Development; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative; two Channel 7 News representatives.

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Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Coleen Seng moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Terry Werner and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of the Council Members present.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

1. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) - Mr. Camp did attend the meeting and reported that there had not been a lot of new issues brought forward. But they did have John Jacobson's presentation on the Nash-Finch Building. There is some rapid expansion going on there doing cold storage, and working with other companies as well. It sounds like a good economic development opportunity for Lincoln. Mark LaBaron discussed the Lincoln Plating expansion. The idea was to highlight the growth that these businesses have had.

Mr. Camp asked if this would be the appropriate time to discuss the scheduled update with the Angelou Economics group. Council discussed the proposed time and date which had tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th from 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. with the Council going in small groups to half-hour presentations. After a brief discussion in which a pre-council format was suggested, (with several Council Members supporting that format), as well as the individual one-on-one presentation process. The final decision was that the members would line up their own times during the allotted time on the 19th of February. If there was to be a quorum in attendance at any given time, Council Staff would be notified so that proper advertising of the meeting could be done. [Ms. Seng could not attend on that date and Mr. Werner scheduled time for 5:15 - Other Council Members will schedule their own times]

2. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING (Cook)
Mr. Cook reported that they had a Special Meeting in January to discuss the Community Forum and the comments compiled from that meeting. There was a rather overwhelming negative response from the public to cutting funding for trimming street trees and for cutting funding for replacing street trees. People also do want to encourage tree planting through self-help grants and, overwhelmingly supported adding charges - to implement a fee for review and inspection of new tree plantings.

There had been a review of the Parks Department priorities. There will be between 250-300 trees removed as part of the Holmes Lake Restoration project. Ms. Harrell noted that it may be that where those trees are being cut is where the sludge from the dredging would be placed during the restoration. Mr. Cook explained that the trees would be Scotch pines, 50% of which are over twenty-five years old. He felt there may be a bit of an outcry over that. On the other hand, he noted, in the Northeast Community Park, they will be planting 400 new trees.

Mr. Camp suggested that the Parks Department might get the information out to the public as to the reasoning behind the removal of trees in Holmes Park prior to the project being started, to avert that very outcry which Mr. Cook believed would be forthcoming.

Mr. Cook reported that the City's 4th of July celebration will be held at Oak Lake this year. The Mayor noted that they would tie it into some festivities at the ball park on that date.

There had been a review of the Lincoln Carriage program and discussion of fund raising for the frogs at the Sunken Gardens. Mr. Camp commented that he had heard that funding was good for all of the Parks & Rec programs. Mr. Camp thought this odd since the Parks Department is always commenting on the challenges they're encountering in program funding. Mr. Cook supposed that the "good" comments would have been in the context of the pool funding for this next year, which as a part of the approved budget, was provided. He added that there would be tremendous challenges if we can't avoid additional cuts.

Prior to the Joint Budget Committee Report, Mayor Wesely made comments regarding the membership for the Hometown Security Committee. The Mayor passed material out to the Council Members which listed the proposed committee appointments. [Attached] After some discussion, in which Mr. Camp noted a concern regarding the low proportion of representation from the business community on the committee, Terry Werner moved to accept the Mayor's proposed list of committee appointments with the understanding that the Original Committee Members, all of whom, it was agreed would be appointed at the same time, (with minority and immigrant populations being included in the over-all make-up of the Original Committee), would take other names proposed for appointment into consideration for assignment to the work committees which the Original Committee members would be assembling. Their focus, when making the assignments, would be on matching the individual expertise of the appointees to the work area of each sub-committee. The motion included the appointing of Retired Adjunct General Stan Heng as Committee Chair. This motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and carried by the following vote: AYES: Terry Werner, Coleen Seng, Jonathan Cook, Jon Camp (noting reservations), Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda; NAYS: None; ABSENT FOR VOTE: Glenn Friendt.

The Mayor stated that Jeff Cole of the Urban Development Department would be the Staff member involved in the work of the committee. Mayor Wesely also noted that, as has been previously discussed, the possibility of calling on an outside consultant would always remain an option at any time the Committee felt it would be beneficial to do so.

3. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) Ms. Seng reported, happily, that she was no longer Chair of the JBC. She had been Vice-Chair when Linda Steinman was serving as Chair and had had to take over the duties when Ms. Steinman left governmental services. She had then been elected Chair and had served in that capacity 'Long Enough'. She reported that Ray Stevens is the new Chair and Ms. McRoy is the Vice-Chair. She advised Ms. McRoy to keep an eye on Mr. Stevens to make sure he doesn't leave the area & abandon the Chairship. [Laughter]

Ms. Seng continued the report, noting that they had discussed Keno Prevention funds. There had been a drop in the funds received...reaching the lowest level ever. There was about thirty-some thousand with two-hundred and some thousand requested. Obviously, no one will be receiving what they requested. Mr. Cook asked why the revenues were down. Ms. Seng answered that she didn't know, but there usually had been between thirty-nine and forty thousand available. Mr. Svoboda asked if these were the City/County Revenue funds from Keno? Ms. Seng answered that they were just the funds (5%) for Keno Prevention.

Ms. McRoy reported that the United Way's annual meeting is coming up soon, noting that they're watching the 30-some cuts that HHS has proposed for the State Budget.

4. FLOOD PLAIN TASK FORCE (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that there had been a disagreement about what kind of recommendations to bring forward for the "build environment" and the "unbuild", so, they came back with a lot of different scenarios. We all expressed our approval or disapproval or noted that more information was needed on various things. It was pretty clear that the entire Task Force felt there needed to be two sets of recommendations coming forward. Ms. Seng noted that she hoped that is what would be seen by the time the recommendations were sent. She added that there would be one more meeting this month and two meetings in February, then, "we'll be headed toward the Planning Commission".

OTHER MEETINGS: - Ms. McRoy reported that she had gone to the StarTran Advisory Town Hall Meeting on Saturday morning. She noted that they had changed the meeting format from a public comment/testimony session to more of an open house format. So, Ms. McRoy had requested that the Staff write a summarized version of the public comments they received and send that report to the Council. She noted that the summary should be coming soon.

Ms. Seng asked Mr. Werner if he had been attending the Infrastructure Meetings. Mr. Werner stated that he had been and that he could report that the legislative committee has made some recommendations on some things that we're seeking authority from the Legislature to do. The committee that Mr. Werner is most involved with is the Infrastructure Finance Committee. They had a presentation from Bill Giovanni talking about the maximum amount of bond that we had in Water and Wastewater. There was some very good information on that. He works to maximize our bonding which would cover about 85% of the CIP. The accelerated CIP of the Comprehensive Plan, which is called Category Five, does include some figures for impact fees. So, if we were not to pass impact fees today, we would not be able to do any more bonding without raising rates.

Mr. Camp asked if Mr. Giovanni had mentioned having better efficiency by using the bonding over impact fees? Mr. Werner answered "no...he didn't." Mr. Werner stated that Mr. Giovanni was going on the assumption that there would be impact fees. So, the question was how much we can bond. That's what Mr. Giovanni reported on - not in favor or against one or the other option.

Further discussion covered the pros and cons of bonding vs. impact fees.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

Addendum (Received After Meeting):

1. Memo from Mayor Don Wesely regarding the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission Appointments.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on the Budget schedule. (Council already received copies of the schedule) A brief review & discussion revealed that Council agreed to the dates proposed by the Budget Office for the City Budget Hearings.

From Addendum - Received After the Meeting:

2. Discussion on the LPED's Strategic Plan Meeting with Angelou Economics. Need definite time and location. Date Set for Wednesday, February 19th from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.(half hour segments) Please, let Joan know during the "Noon" Meeting today. [Ms. Seng could not attend; Mr. Cook and Mr. Werner agreed to meet at the 5:15 time period for a half-hour meeting. Others to be determined]

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook asked for input regarding closing comments on the impact fees at todays Formal Council Meeting. There was a brief discussion which was inconclusive.

Mr. Cook thanked Nate Jenkins for the printed correction of his comments in the *Journal Star*.

GLENN FRIENDT - Left Meeting Early

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda commented on the February Common Agenda item with the Public Building Commission. Mr. Svoboda's question was whether or not the PBC was looking at charging City/County employees and/or the general public, primarily for the parking garage being built next door. Mr. Camp explained that the intent of the PBC Director, Don Killeen, was to have a periodic update on the progress of the building and related proposals as the project went forward. Mr. Svoboda stated that he would like to see a structured, tiered parking fee where the City/County employees have the ability to pay nothing for parking if they park a block or so away, or a small amount and park to the west, or pay a premium price to park next door. That will relate to how we, as a Council, are impacted as well since Mr. Svoboda thought everyone who parks beneath this building should also pay.

Ms. Seng noted that the parking committee has been discussing this very issue for two years. Mr. Camp stated that he appreciated Mr. Svoboda's comments, because he, himself, had been proposing something very much like that. He wanted to meet commitments under whatever union negotiations we have, but we've not [inaudible].

Mr. Svoboda stated that at some point in time, he would like to have a discussion on the prospect of meters for the public parking next door....as the State does on the top floor of their parking garage. This would be for the public as well. Mr. Camp felt he would like to have some input from the County Commissioners on this issue too. Over the past years, it has been the policy that people coming to transact City/County business should have the availability of free parking. Mr. Camp felt, however, that if parking fees would help to cover some costs, it would be acceptable. Mr. Svoboda pointed out that the public doesn't have the free parking on City business in Omaha. There, you pay on the street, or pay at a private parking garage. He agreed that the public should have quick and easy access to the government buildings, but...[inaudible] Mr. Svoboda stated that he would send a Memo to the Parking Committee of the PBC for a response to his inquiries. Mr. Camp thought this would be a good avenue to take, as it would give the parking committee something concrete on which to build a response.

There was further discussion regarding who would pay, on what kind of scale, etc., but no final determination was made.

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:57 p.m.

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